

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass attendance for Christmas and for your information

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PEACE AND JOY TO YOU AND YOURS THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON 

Scripture Readings for Christmas 2020

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Zoom Mass - 24th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R./: I will sing forever of your love O Lord

2nd Reading: Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

1st Mass of Christmas - 24th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

God brings them from darkness and bring them to peace and security

Psalm 95: 1-3, 11-13

R./: Today, a Saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Saint Paul invites us to look forward to the coming of Christ in glory

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

How Jesus was born

Mass during the day - 25th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

The joy of the watchmen, at seeing the Lord's messenger

Psalm 97: 1-6

R./: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

The son of Mary is the eternal Son, through whom all things were made

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John's Gospel Prologue: the divine nature of the Word-made-flesh

St Stephen the First Martyr - 26th December

1st Reading: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

The martyrdom of Stephen the deacon, according to Luke

Psalm 30: 3-4, 6, 8, 16-17

R./: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Jesus warns his apostles about their possible martyrdom

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - 27th December

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Abraham and Sarah are given a child as a reward for their faith

Psalm 104: 1-6, 8-9

R./: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The outcome of the faith of Abraham and Sarah

Gospel: Luke: 2:22-40

The child Jesus was presented to God, then lived at home in Nazareth

The Holy Innocents - 28th December

1st Reading: 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

Psalm 123:2-5, 7-8

R./: Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

Gospel: Matthew: 2:13-18

In Bethlehem, Herod had all the male children killed

Details of Masses

Zoom Masses:

Vigil 24th December at 4.30pm celebrated by Fr Patrick from The Priest's House
26th December at 5.00pm from Downside

If you wish to attend any of the following Masses in church you **MUST book in** with June Stallard (01684 540357 or june@junestallard.plus.com) as, to comply with covid rules, the congregation is limited to 40.

Please book in by 12.00 on Thursday 24th December for the first 4 Masses.

The New Year's Day Mass can be left till 12.00 on 31st December.

1st Mass of Christmas - 9.00pm 24th December in church - Carols 8.30pm

Mass during the day - 10.30am 25th December in church

St Stephen the First Martyr - 10.00am 26th December in church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - 10.30am 27th December in church

The Holy Innocents - 10.00am 28th December in church

New Year's Day - 10.00am 1st January in church

Confession

Fr Patrick will be in the church from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Thursday 24th to hear confessions.

New seating rules in church

In order to give more protection to all those attending Mass in the church new seating arrangements are being put in place.

In principle it is proposed that all couples sit in the permitted seats adjacent to the central aisle and those attending on their own sit in the permitted seats adjacent to the two side aisles. Also sitting as close to the edge of your bench as is comfortable is recommended. However please take the advice of the Stewards as, obviously, numbers at each Mass change.

Please also remember that congregational singing continues to be banned - though you are allowed to hum!

We have also become a little lax about keeping to the 2m safe distancing inside the church. With a church our size this should be easy to achieve.

Special Christmas Messages

Both Fr Christopher Calascione and Fr Edward send you their best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Fr Edward would also like to thank those who have sent him a Christmas Card. He hopes to move to his new home at the end of January.

Crib Collection

There will be a collection plate by the crib. Should you wish to donate, the money raised will go towards something for the play area for children unfortunate enough to be visiting Long Lartin Prison. The item will be chosen by one of our parishioners who, most commendably, is a prison visitor there on a regular basis.

Christmas Day collection

There will be a collection box at the back of the church; or alternatively Cheques payable to St Wulstan's Little Malvern and write 'Christmas Collection' on the back.

Cheque donations can be sent to or delivered to the Priest's House.

PFFC, The Priest's House, Wells Road, Little Malvern, Worcs, WR14 4JL

If you wish to make a donation by BACS:

Barclays Bank plc Account Name:- Downside Mission Trust - Little Malvern Account

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Please put 'Christmas Collection' in the reference

Diocesan directive relating to COVID19

Anyone who has come to Mass/Church Service and falls into either of the categories below would they please inform Claire Bailey (clairebailey001@aol.com or 07831 864599)

- been in contact with someone who has now tested positive for COVID19.
- have themselves tested positive for COVID19. **inc 3/12**
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PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ellen Verdult & Carmel Glennie, who have died recently,

AND FOR: John Bilsborough, Andy Cooper, John Crowe, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Andy McGowan, Pauline Mills, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff, Raymond Turner who are unwell or housebound